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# UNDERSTANDING YOUR LICENSE

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**MOST PEOPLE GET INTO TROUBLE WITH  
THEIR LICENSE BECAUSE THEY DON'T FIND OUT  
WHAT THEIR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES ARE.**

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# TYPES OF DRIVER LICENSES

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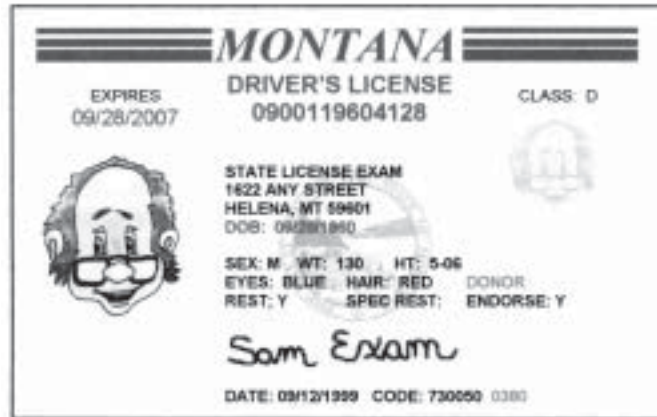
There are **FOUR** classes of license.

**CLASS A**

**CLASS B**

**CLASS C**

**CLASS D**

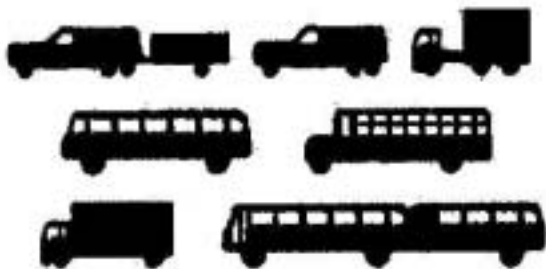


**CLASS A** may drive these types of vehicles:

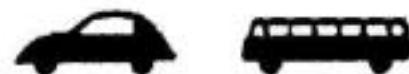


People who drive vehicles with more than one trailer must have a double/triple endorsement.

**CLASS B** may drive these types of vehicles:



**CLASS C and CLASS D** may drive these types of vehicles:



A **CLASS C** license is required for vehicles carrying some types of liquids or gases and hazardous material requiring placards. Additional endorsements, such as **TANKER** or **HAZARDOUS** material may be required.

A **CLASS C** with a **PASSENGER** endorsement is required for any vehicle carrying 16 or more passengers including the driver, and all school buses less than 26,001 lbs.

People who drive air brake equipped commercial vehicles must pass a written test about air brakes plus a pre-trip skills test on a vehicle equipped with air brakes. Those who don't or who test in a non-air brake equipped commercial vehicle will have a restriction on their license stating **"NO AIR BRAKES."**

When no commercial conditions exist, a **CLASS D** license will do.

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## LEARNER'S LICENSE

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The learning driver must always be accompanied by a **LICENSED DRIVER** licensed to drive the vehicle you are practicing in.

The licensed driver must be in a seat beside the learner.

The learner **MUST HAVE** a learner's license with him/her.

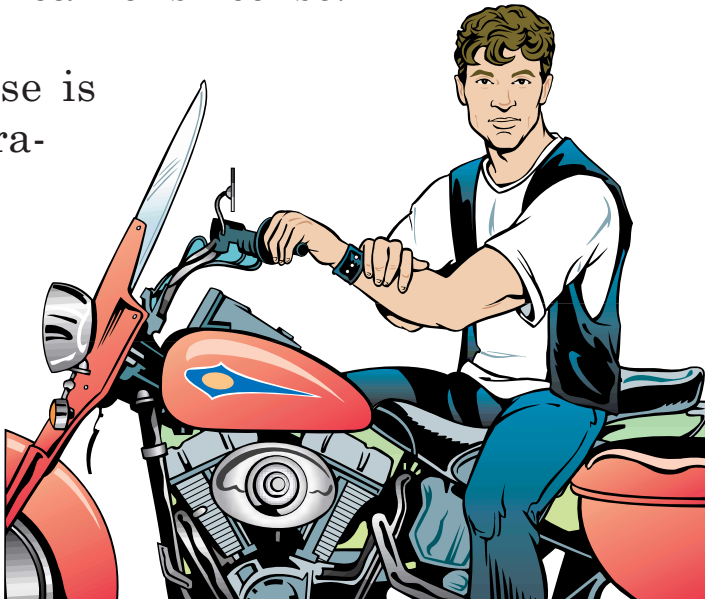
### TO GET A LEARNER'S LICENSE, A PERSON:

- must be **15 YEARS OLD** and have successfully completed a state-approved traffic education course. **OTHERWISE**, he/she **MUST BE 16** years or older, and
- must pass the vision and written tests.

A learner's license allows a person to **PRACTICE DRIVING** to become a better driver.

A learner's license is valid only for six months from the date of purchase of the receipt for the learner's license.

A regular learner's license is **NOT VALID** for the operation of a motorcycle.



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## DRIVER'S LICENSE AGE LIMITS

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**15 IS THE MINIMUM AGE FOR A LICENSE,**

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you must first take a traffic education course approved by the Office of Public Instruction.

You may get a license at **16** without the traffic education course if you pass the driver licensing tests.

You must be **21** or **18** to get a Type 1 (Interstate) or Type 2 (Intrastate) license.

If you are under 18, a **PARENT OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE ADULT MUST SIGN** your application and have it notarized or witnessed by a driver license exam office employee. This means that they have told the state that they will pay the damages if you have a crash.

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# MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT

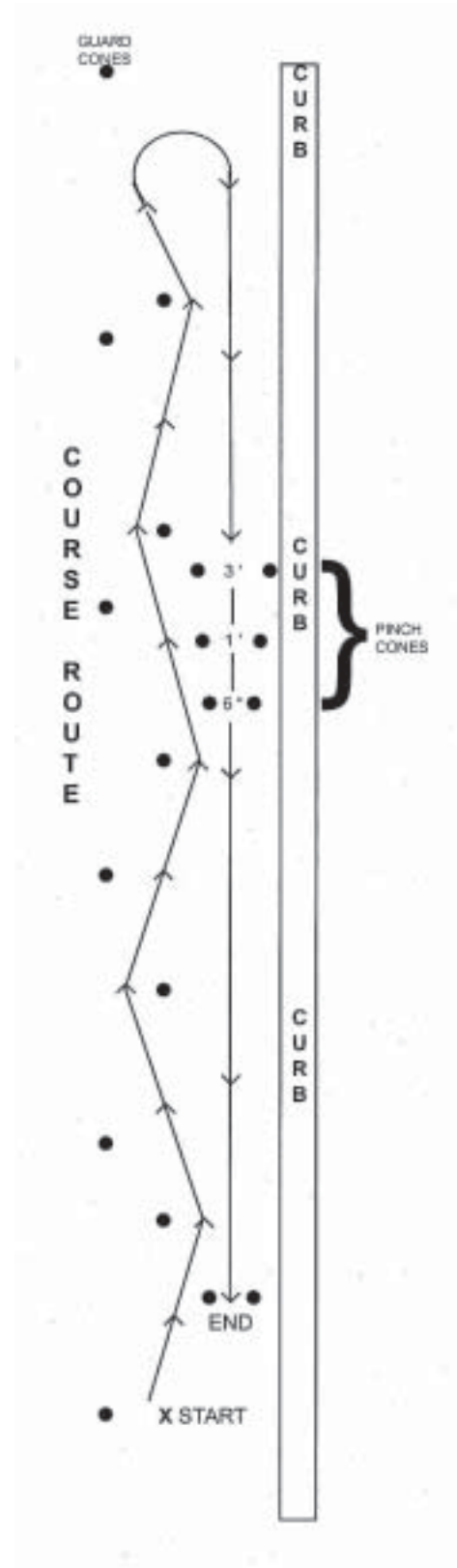
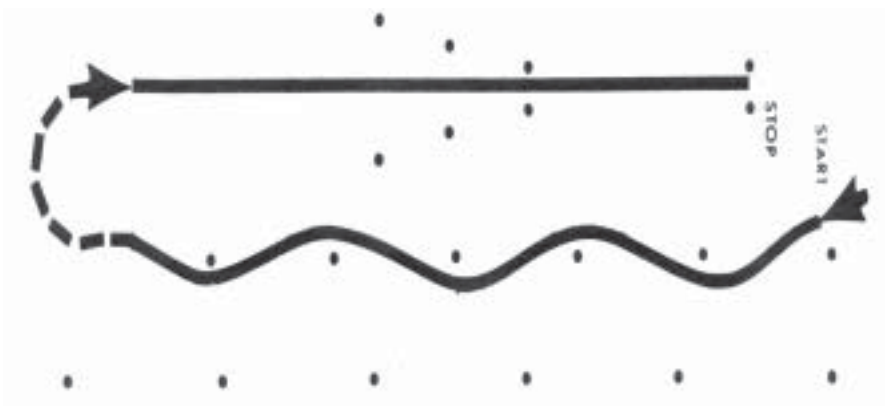
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Persons who ride motorcycles, motorscooters or motor driven cycles must get a **MOTOR-CYCLE ENDORSEMENT**.

To get this motorcycle endorsement a person must:

- Take a written test.
- Take a driving test (or successfully complete a Montana Motorcycle rider Course: RSS. For course information, call 1-800-922-BIKE).
- Pay a 50¢ per year fee.

You must **APPLY FOR** a Montana driver license before you get an endorsement.



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# APPLYING FOR YOUR LICENSE

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## To **GET YOUR LICENSE YOU MUST:**

- **STUDY** your driver's manual.
- **FILL OUT** the license application form. If you are under 18, a parent or other responsible adult must sign for you.
- Have your **BIRTH CERTIFICATE** (original or certified copy).
- Have **PROOF OF RESIDENCY**.
- Provide your **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**.
- Bring your **EYEGLASSES** if you wear them.
- Pay the **DRIVER LICENSE FEE**.



## VISUAL ACUITY REQUIREMENTS:

20-40—No restrictions

20-40—With glasses—restricted corrective lenses

20-70 or better—5 restrictions

1. Daylight
2. 45 mph speed limit
3. 55 interstate speed limit
4. No inclement weather driving
5. 20-50—drive test

20-80 to 20-100—Special testing required

20-100—No license

You must pass the vision and written test before you may have a learner's license.

**DRIVING IS A PRIVILEGE WHICH MUST BE  
CONTINUALLY EARNED TO BE RETAINED.**

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# TESTING REQUIREMENTS

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You may not have a driver's license until you pass these tests:

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## Vision Test:

- You must see well enough to drive. If you need glasses or corrective lenses to pass, you will be required to wear them while driving.



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## Written Test:

- Shows how much you know about traffic laws, rules and signs.

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## Driving Test:

- Shows how well you control your car and obey traffic signs, lights, speeds, and laws.

## BEFORE YOU TAKE YOUR TEST:

1. Your car must be safe.
2. You must show your vehicle registration.
3. You must show that your car is insured.
4. If your car is unsafe, you may not take the driving test.



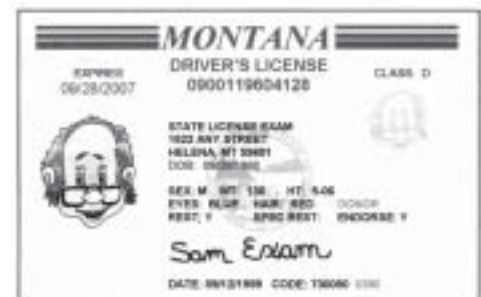
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# FACTS ABOUT YOUR LICENSE

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When you have a driver's license, you should **REMEMBER**:

- Your first license is good until your 21st birthday. If you are 21 years of age when you obtain your first license, it will be good for eight (8) years from your last birthday.
- If you do not get a new license three months **AFTER** your birthday, you must take and pass the written and driving tests again.
- You may have only **ONE** valid license at any time.
- If you have a license from another state, it is only good to drive with for **120** days. Commercial licenses are good to drive with for 30 days.
- You must have your license with you when you drive and you must give it to an officer if he asks for it.
- You must not let another person use your license.



Most people get into trouble with their license because they don't find out what their legal **RESPONSIBILITIES** are.

If you have a license and you change your **NAME** or **ADDRESS**, you must **TELL THE DRIVER SERVICES BUREAU WITHIN 10 DAYS**.

**NEW NAME?**



**NEW ADDRESS?**



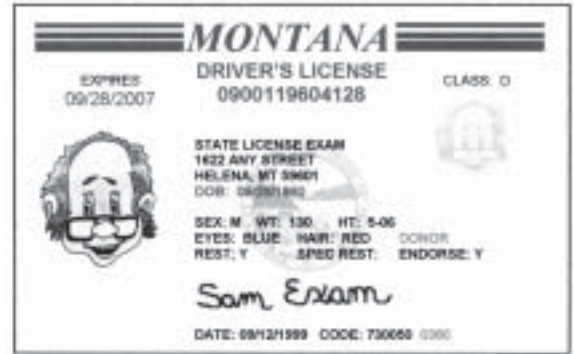
## LOST LICENSE

If your license is **LOST OR DESTROYED**, report it to the police.

A duplicate license will cost \$10.00.

Go to the driver licensing office and **APPLY FOR A DUPLICATE**.

You will need an original or certified copy of your birth certificate to get a duplicate license.



**ONLY A LICENSED DRIVER MAY DRIVE YOUR CAR. THE DRIVER AND THE OWNER OF THE CAR MAY BE ARRESTED IF AN UNLICENSED DRIVER IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE IT.**



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# VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION

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Every motor vehicle must have  
front and back license plates.

**MONTANA LAW SAYS THAT ALL VEHICLES MUST BE REGISTERED** and that  
you must carry your registration slip **IN YOUR VEHICLE.**

PLATE: 2-22334			DATE: 03012002			F0000111		
MONTANA VEH. REGISTRATION & PAYMENT RECEIPT								
TYP	YR	MAKE	MODL	STYL	COLOR	VIN		
TK	1995	ABC	TK	PK	BLU	1ABCDE12F3456789		
TTL	W993370		SLDT01172000		TKTRC ABC		06L111666	
FUEL TYPE 1		EQUIP NO		UNLADEN WGT 00000			TON 010	
GVW	OK	DECLARED	6K	BEG	01012002	EXP	12312002	CLS 1
STATE LICENSE EXAM								
1622 ANY STREET								
HELENA MT 59601								
—FEE INFORMATION:—								
01	GVWTAX	7.00	61	REGRAT	65.00	12	REGFEE	5.00
19	HPFUND	0.25	13	LICFEE	10.00	14	COOPT	48.97
18	WEED	1.50	17	JUNK	0.50	42	SYSTEE	1.00
—COUNTY INFORMATION:—								
TAXVAL	9794.31	CO	05	SCH FC01	014 PRORT	00	FEE	N
VEHVAL	16183.00	MILL	0.000	PCC	TREAS DEP 12			
CALCVAL		ASSD DATE	01122002	ASSD BY				
UNLAWFUL TO PERATE VEH W/OUT VALID VEH LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY, CERTIFICATE OF SELF- INSURANCE, OR POSTED INDENMITY BOND, AS REQUIRED BY 61-6-301, UNLESS EXEMPT BY 60-6-303.								

The registration slip is good for one year from day of application.

When vehicles are bought or sold, new registration is required.

If an officer asks for your registration, you must show it to him/her.

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# SELF-TEST

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## Understanding Your License

**Directions: Choose only one answer.**

1. When you go to take your driver licensing tests:
  - a. you must have your birth certificate (an original or certified copy).
  - b. you do not need any identification.
  - c. you must go with your parent.
2. If you want to take the driving test and your car is not safe:
  - a. you may not take the driving test.
  - b. you may take the test and get the trouble repaired later.
  - c. you may borrow a driver education car.
3. If you need to wear glasses to pass the vision test:
  - a. you will need to wear them at night.
  - b. you will be required to wear them while driving.
  - c. you may wear them only when you feel like it.
4. Before you take the driving test you must:
  - a. have collision insurance.
  - b. have fire and theft insurance.
  - c. have your insurance card in your vehicle.
5. Before you may get a learner's license you must:
  - a. pass the written test.
  - b. ask the doctor if you may drive.
  - c. be 18 years old.

6. If you move, you must tell the driver services bureau:
  - a. within 10 days.
  - b. within 30 days.
  - c. within 90 days.
7. If you become a Montana resident and have a license from another state, you must get a Montana driver's license within:
  - a. one year.
  - b. 60 days.
  - c. 120 days.
8. Every driver must have proof of vehicle liability insurance:
  - a. if he/she has a crash.
  - b. in her/his vehicle when driving.
  - c. at home in a safe place.
9. Drivers must have their vehicle registration:
  - a. in their vehicles.
  - b. at home in a safe place.
  - c. at the insurance company.
10. When any vehicle is bought or sold, the owner must:
  - a. keep the old registration card for five years.
  - b. get a new registration card.
  - c. use the old registration card.
11. There are how many classes of licenses?
  - a. Two classes.
  - b. Three classes.
  - c. Four classes.

12. If you haul certain types of liquid or gaseous loads:
  - a. you do not need a special license.
  - b. you may need a tanker or hazardous endorsement on your license.
  - c. you must be at least 19 years old.
13. If you transport hazardous types of materials:
  - a. you may need a hazardous material endorsement, if the vehicle you are operating requires placards.
  - b. you will need a Class D license.
  - c. you do not need any special license.
14. If you are under 18, your parents or guardians must sign your application. This means that they:
  - a. accept responsibility for damage if their child causes a crash.
  - b. trust their child to drive safely.
  - c. know that you have applied for a license.
15. A Learner's License lets a person:
  - a. practice in a driver education car only.
  - b. drive any time by themselves.
  - c. drive only if they have another licensed driver in the front seat beside them.
16. You may get a driver license at 15 years of age:
  - a. if you take a written test.
  - b. if your parents say it is okay.
  - c. if you have passed an approved driver education course.

17. If you want to practice riding your motorcycle before you take the motorcycle skill test, you:
- a. must have a motorcycle learner's license.
  - b. must be very careful.
  - c. must be at least 18 years old.